Introduction to *Forces of Nature, Blizzards: A Study Skills Text*

This workbook is designed to help students practice and review general study skills. This is a content-based text, and all the examples, readings, and exercises are based on the topic of blizzards. Each unit features activities that teach and practice a new study skill and then reviews skills taught in previous units. Study skills featured in this workbook are: pre-reading strategies like brainstorming and mental mapping; SQRW (Survey-Question-Read-Write); understanding word meanings; understanding timelines, maps, tables, and charts/graphs; outlining; summary writing; reading for a purpose; and test-taking strategies.

The reading passages also reinforce reading development, and because of the importance of reading to overall academic success, according to the research, several study skills focus on developing reading skills. Because all readers—no matter what they read—will encounter passages that are difficult and words they do not know or text that they do not understand, students need to have a variety of strategies at their disposal to help them. This book gives students practice in these basic and important strategies as well as other skills necessary for academic success.

Skill Review boxes appear throughout all units except Unit 1. The skill review boxes allow students to practice study skills learned and practiced in the previous unit(s), reinforcing techniques that will help students in their other classes.